



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Prairie Wetlands Learning Center

Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom

A Workshop for K-12 Educators

June 12 - 16, 2006

Are you a pre-service or K-12 educator interested in:

- learning how to use the outdoors as a classroom?
- gaining knowledge and hands-on experience with the prairie pothole ecosystem?
- discovering new ways to motivate students?
- strengthening your outdoor teaching and reflection skills and applying them to your indoor curriculum?

Does seeing children excited about learning inspire you? Would you like to take your interest in nature to a deeper level? Finally, would you like to spend five days in a beautiful outdoor classroom? If so, please consider joining us for *“Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom.”*

When: Monday, June 12th to Friday, June 16th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Prairie Wetlands Learning Center, Fergus Falls, Minnesota
(Free lodging is available in dormitory.)

Cost: FREE!!

Benefits: Each participant will receive a \$100 stipend, CEUs, a field bag, weather monitoring equipment, field guide(s), waterproof field journal, *A Sand County Almanac*, and a 3-ring binder with additional teaching materials.

Instructors: ISD 544 Prairie Science Class teachers Dave Ellis and Chip McAllister, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service environmental educators: Laura Bonneau, Park Ranger; Molly Stoddard, Instructional Systems Specialist; and Teresa Jaskiewicz, Environmental Education Specialist.

This workshop is not just a learning opportunity for teachers - it is being held in conjunction with the **Summer Explorers Biology Camp** for students entering 6th and 7th grades. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to apply their new skills each day with a small group of interested students. Working together as a team, we will explore the many ways to use an outdoor classroom to enhance and strengthen a child's education.



For more information or to register
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